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Police Department Offering Citizens Academy

The Garner Police Department is accepting applications for the fall 2015 Citizens' Police Academy. This is your opportunity to learn how our Police Department works, to meet officers who work in your community and to learn more about what it means to be a police officer in Garner today.

The goal of the academy is to build relationships between officers and the community through better understanding of the Police Department's jobs and functions. It also provides a forum for feedback and suggestions for improvement.

Each week, one or more topics will be discussed by members of the department. Participants will have opportunities for hands-on practical exercises where appropriate.

When is it?

The next academy starts on Sept. 22 and runs through Nov. 24. Class will meet on Tuesday nights 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Who can attend?

People who meet these criteria:

- Age 18 or older
- Resident of Garner
- No felony convictions
- No misdemeanor convictions for one year

How long is the academy?

The academy is 10 weeks long, including graduation night. Each week, one class is taught from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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Does it cost me anything?

No. All participants will be given handouts as needed. No books or other materials are required.

Can I miss classes?

Participants may miss up to three classes and still receive a certificate of completion and graduate. All other participants will receive a certificate of participation.

How do I register?

Please apply at this link: <http://www.garnernc.gov/Departments/Police/CitizensAcademy.aspx>

The deadline for registering is Sept. 8.

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